

HOW LONG WILL THE PANAMA CANAL LAST?

When Banau-Varilla states that the Panama Canal will not accommodate the ships of the world for more than twenty years, he states a startling thing.

We are building the big ditch only large enough for the accommodation of ships as they are built today. A canal can be used only by ships which can get into its locks. The locks of the Panama Canal are but a few feet longer and wider than the greatest ships now afloat; and every year a ship is launched bigger than anything hitherto made.

The Welland Canal has a history worth studying in this connection. It was built by Canada for the purpose of letting the ocean vessels into the lakes. The docks are 265 feet in length; and it was thought that these would be ample to accommodate the commerce not only of the lakes, but of the ocean.

Canada had a vision of New York flanked by the trade coming from Europe to the heart of America through this Canadian waterway. She saw herself in command of the world's commerce of our continent. She dreamed of the wheat and corn and live stock of the Mississippi Valley loading at lake ports for the ports of the world.

She had a rude awakening when the canal was finished. For, while the canal was building, it became obsolete. By the time it was opened to traffic the freighters of the seas were too long to get into the locks and drew too much water for the fourteen-foot channel. It was economically impossible for ships which could use the canal to compete with the larger ships which could dock at New York, Baltimore, Boston or Montreal, load the grain and other freight from cars or smaller vessels and take to the highways of the oceans.

Even the lake shipping had outgrown the canal. Now the typical lake freighter is two hundred feet longer and much wider than the Welland locks and draws twenty feet of water. The Welland Canal has gone the way of the stage coach and the flatboat.

Will the Panama Canal go the same way? If so, we may find ourselves mourning the loss of \$400,000,000. Or will the canal be so important that it will fix a maximum for the size of ships, beyond which they will not grow? This is something more than a matter of speculative importance.



CREAM SPONGE

Separate the yolks from the whites of five eggs, place yolks in deep bowl and whites aside to keep cool. Beat the yolks until light and foamy; add once cup of granulated sugar and beat this at least ten minutes; add one cup of flour that has been sifted six times, with one teaspoon of baking powder. Beat at least ten minutes. Whip the egg whites to a stiff, dry froth, fold lightly into the other mixture. Add flavoring.

This will make two medium layers or one baked in square pan. Bake slowly about twenty-five minutes. Put together with whipped cream,

sweetened and flavored with a layer of whipped cream on top. Half the recipe will serve five people.

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Don't put money above life and impoverish your bodies to add to your purse. The art of living is to work moderately, to spend moderately, to take pleasure moderately and to rest moderately.



Bride (throwing her arms about the bridegroom's neck)—You are my prisoner for life! Bridegroom—It's not imprisonment for life, love. It's capital punishment.